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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PE

SUBJECT: PRES VELASCO'S PROGNOSIS

REF: LIMA 1541

1. FROM VARIOUS WELL- INFORMED SOURCES WE GATHER THAT PRESIDENT VELASCO HAS BEGUN WHAT APPEARS TO BE ONE- IN- MILLION RECOVERY BUT ONE THAT CAN NEVER BE COMPLETE. CURRENT PROGNOSIS IS THAT IN NEXT TWO MONTHS OR SO HE COULD RETURN TO WORK WITH VERY RESTRICTED SCHEDULE. HIS SEVERE DISABILITIES WILL, HOWEVER, PERMANENTLY PREVENT HIS REASSUMING FULL LOAD OF LEADERSHIP.

2. THUS APPEARS THIS REMARKABLY TOUGH AND DETERMINED INDIVIDUAL WILL CONTINUE AS PRESIDENT SOMEWHAT LONGER, UNTIL- SERVICE POLITICS COMBINE TO DETERMINE GRACEFUL EXIT. ON THIS BASIS VELASCO HIMSELF WOULD HAVE MORE INFUENCE IN CHOICE OF SUCCESSOR THAN IF HE HAD BEEN TOTALLY DISABLED. PERUVIAN NATIONAL DAYS IN LATE JULY OR FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF COUP IN OCTOBER COULD BE FITTING DATES TO ANNOUNCE SUCCESSION.  
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